<u>REMARKS</u>

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 28.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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28. Kit for the treatment of pulp exposures comprising at least a medical membrane (1-6) which comprises at least one roughened surface which has a porous and/or reticular structure, and a device for the application of a medical membrane in a cavity of claim[s] 26 [and 27].